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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Judy Carol Young et al.  
Application No. : 09/237,291 Confirmation No. : 9391  
Filed : January 25, 1999  
For : EXPANDED AND GENETICALLY MODIFIED  
POPULATIONS OF HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS  
Group Art Unit : 1635  
Examiner : Karen A. Lacourciere

New York, New York 10020  
March 85, 2004

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2003 in the above application. Applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith to extend the time for responding for two months, from January 8, 2004 up to and including March 8, 2004, and have paid the required fee [37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36(a) and 1.17(a)(2)].